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SUBJECT: LEGITIMACY CHALLENGE TO THE SIERRA LEONE LABOR
UNION CONGRESS

SUMMARY: THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SIERRA LEONE LABOR CONGRESS HAS
BEEN CHALLENGED BY THE NATIONAL LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE. THE LEAGUE
CLAIMS THAT THE CONSTIT-
UTION FORMULATED UPON THE MERGER OF THE
SLLC AND THE SIERRA LEONE COUNCIL OF LABOR WAS NEVER RATIFIED.
FINAL DECISION AS TO THE VALIDITY OF THE LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE
RESTS WITH THE MINISTER OF LABOR. END SUMMARY.

2. THE NATIONAL LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE PRESENTED AN ELEVENT POINT
PETITION TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, QUESTIONING THE SLLC'S
LEGITIMACY AS A WORKER'S ORGANIZATION. MINISTER OF LABOR
FORMEH KAMARA INDICATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT THE ONLY VALID
QUESTION PRESENTED BY THE LEAGUE WAS THAT OF THE THE LEGITIMACY
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OF THE SLLC CONSTITUTION. THE SLLC HAS PRESENTED THE MINISTER
WITH COPIES OF ITS CONSTITUTION AND EXPECTS A FAVORABLE
DECISION.

2. THE CHALLENGE TO THE SLLC AROSE DUE TO ITS NEGATION OF
THE NATIONAL LABOR YOUTH LEAGUES' REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP.
THE LEAGUE IS NOT A TRADE UNION AND UNDER THE TERMS OF THE

SLLC CONSTITUTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER. THE LEAGUE
DOS HAVE A VOICE IN THE CONGRESS AS EACH MEMBER OF THE
LEAGUE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE TRADE UNIONS
AFFILIATED TO THE SLLC. HOWEVER, IF THE LEAGUE WERE
RECOGNIZED AS A UNION IT WOULD BE ABLE TO COLLECT DUES AND VOTE
ON BEHALF OF ITS MEMBERS; THEREBY CONSIDERABLY ENHANCING
ITS POWER WITHIN THE CONGRESS.

3. COMMENT: THE LEAGUE WHICH IS TO THE LEFT OF THE SLLC AND
MORE VOCAL IN ITS OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY
CONSIDERS THIS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO EMBAARRASS THE SLLC.
(ELECTION OF OFFICERS IS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT.,
THE FIRST ELCTION SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE SLLC.) THE
SLLC FOR ITS PART SEEMS VERY RELAXED ABOUT THE SITUATION
AND IS MAINTAINING CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE
MINISTER OF LABOR. FORMER KAMARA RECENTLY OPENED A
SLLC/ILO TRADE UNION SEMINAR AND TRAVELED UPCOUNTRY WITH
ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL KABBIA. END COMMENT.
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